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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, TH

SUBJ: DETAINEES

REF: BANGKOK 2183

1. POL. LTG NARONG MAHANON, POLICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL TOLD NEWSMEN ON FEB 19. THAT 44 YOUTHS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED OCT 6, 1976, WERE RECENTLY RELEASED. THE PROSECUTION DEPT. HAD AGREED WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO BRING THEM TO TRIAL.

2. ON FEB 11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, POL. MG CHAMRAT CHANTHAKHACHON, TOLD THE PRESS THAT INVESTIGATIONS OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE OCT 6 1976 INCIDENT AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY WOULD BE COMPLETED SHORTLY. HE ESTIMATED THAT ONLY ABOUT 100 PERSONS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL, THE OTHERS BEING RELEASED FOR LACK OF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

3. ON FEB 20 UNDER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR CHALO WANNAPHUTI ANNOUNCED THAT A SECOND BATCH OF PERSONS DETAINED UNDER NARC ORDER 22 AS "DANGEROUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SOCIETY" WOULD BE RELEASED ON MARCH 12, AFTER FINISHING A TWO-MONTH VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSE. HE DID NOT SPECIFY HOW MANY WOULD BE RELEASED. ACCORDING TO A FEB 20 ANNOUNCEMENT BY CORRECTIONS DEPT. DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL WICHIT THONGKHAM, THE APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PERSONS STILL DETAINED UNDER NARC ORDER 22 WILL BE RELEASED GRADUALLY, AT TWO MONTH INTERVALS.

4. COMMENT: THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS REFLECT INFORMATION  
REPORTED IN REFTEL. THE GOVERNEMENT IS PROCESSING,  
ALBEIT SLOWLY, THE CASES OF PERSONS ARRESTED ON OCT 6  
AND SUBSEQUENTLY, CULLING THOSE THAT WILL BE BROUGHT  
TO TRIAL.  
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